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LAND VALUES IMPROVING.

LITTLE OLD NEVADA is all right when it comes to farming. The state has had many hard knocks, but it is inferred that these knocks have not been altogether disinterested. The worst blows delivered at the farm lands of Nevada come from the interests that are always keen for a bargain. These men are not averse to picking up job lots of land whenever they find them to their liking. Reports of the past two weeks indicate a revived activity in agricultural lands and that there is no dearth of buyers when proposition are within reason and the title is unassailable. When a company consisting of outside capital will venture an investment of \$1,100,000 in Humboldt county farm and grazing land it implies that the day of opportunities has not yet vanished and that the prices asked by present holders are not unreasonable. In the case in question, an Utah concern, which already owns a principality embracing hundreds of miles in length extending from the Utah to the Idaho line, resolves to add to its already royal possessions, it is safe to assume that organized business is going to net a handsome return on the investment. For 50 years there has been an organized effort to deride the lands of Nevada with the scornful assertion that they are fit only for pasturing stock and sheep grazing, but the fact that the men behind the latest real estate deal affirm their faith in this demonstrates they know whereof they speak and are willing to back their opinions with their money. This million dollar deal, which in other states would have been heralded broadcast, was accomplished without any attendant trumpeting in the Nevada press, but, nevertheless, it was such a stupendous achievement that the leading Salt Lake newspapers devoted a column or more to the transaction as the forerunner of others of equal import, if not of as great magnitude. While it would have been better to have heard of a thousand settlers taking up these 88,000 acres embodied in the deal, the fact that organized capital is not afraid to venture its money in this state will carry with it a moral influence that will attract the small farmer and the intense cultivator. The land office at Elko is congested with entymen from all parts of the country eager to take up homesteads either under the direct system, enlarged homestead or desert land acts. The movement is spreading out from the centers of population and by the time high prices for farm products reach their climax, the small farmer will have accumulated sufficient money to place him beyond the reach of the usurious money lender and land him in affluence, where he can readily adjust his affairs to a return of normal prices. The land-buying movement is not limited to the big cattle companies seeking enlarged pasturage and fodder growing grounds for in the western part of the state where farms have reached an ideal state of development the habit is spreading and outside capital insists on coming in for the purpose of availing itself of the relatively cheap lands that can be turned into prosperous estates. Last week a sale in Smith Valley was reported, involving \$50,000 cash, which speaks volumes for that section since it brings in capital that appears to have been sorely needed in regenerating a huge area of land that languished through the absence of funds for restoring an old irrigation system essential to the utilization of an old and undisputed water right. These are the harbingers of prosperity that should be advertised the length and breadth of the land we occupy, for they mean more to the state than the discovery of another Tonopah. The miners want this accession of new blood in the agricultural sections for it carries with it the promise of cheaper and better living and the further chance of instituting a home-making movement that will bear fruit in the days when the desire comes to relinquish the strenuous life of the mines for the contentment of the simple life.

SEASON OF REPRESSION.

THIS is the first day of Lent, when fasting and abstinence are enjoined for a period of forty days. Strict observance of this regulation would do more to choke off the H. C. O. L. than all the Congressional investigations and the various state legislative inquiries. The effect would be salutary if the practice were universal, for it would carry with it a reduction in the indulgence in luxuries and compel abstemious living that would quickly convey a lesson to the middleman, or producer, or jobber, or whoever is responsible for the present peak load of costs encumbering the domestic ledger. The system of conducting the country is based entirely on an extravagant demand wholly out of parity with the earnings of the plain people, who have to foot the bill of costs. That such a condition as that obtaining in New York can exist in the country that prides itself on being the granary of the world points out that there is something radically wrong with the system of distribution. No later than last week the railroad managers of the principal trunk lines met in solemn conclave in Chicago to consider ways and means to save New York, Boston and Philadelphia from the pangs of starvation. These cities report that their warehouses and storage places are filled to repletion with foodstuffs ordered and paid for by export houses, who are unable to move their commodities for want of marine tonnage. This detention has prevented the local merchants from storing reserve stocks and the chief cities of the United States therefore are dependent on the daily arrival of foodstuffs for the necessities of life. The account of bread riots in New York would be greeted with skepticism were they reported even from Berlin, Paris or Vienna, where war conditions place all commodities on an abnormal plane. Nevertheless, sordid truth cannot be controverted. The producers of New York are reduced to penury through want of the most ordinary food. Those people do not crave luxuries, for their complaints refer to the high price of the everyday products such as potatoes and onions. The latter at 17 to 18 cents a pound, and the former at the unheard of price of 7 cents a pound, or \$4.20 a bushel, are enough to stagger business intellect. Yet the United States is the supply house of the world, the source of most of the food that goes to feed starving Belgium, oppressed France, boastful England and the blockaded countries of Germany and Austria. While we are regaled daily with reports of food regulations in the belligerent countries it is also true that, providing the blockade were raised, potatoes could be bought in Berlin and laid down in New York so as to yield the importer a profit of over 100 per cent. In the meantime economic writers prate of prosperity

which has no meaning for the poor man who can only look forward with horror to the possibility of the country being projected into the horrible war that is convulsing Europe. If the system is such that food becomes a luxury in times of peace, what will happen when war's hideous head obtrudes itself on the scene? The trunk lines will be commandeered for troop movements and quartermasters' stores, and the consumer will be left to the mercy of an unregulated food supply.

Buffalo Bill, Dewey and Funston, the American boys' idols, are vanishing, proving that life is swifter than a movie.

What is the object of watchful waiting in the present crisis? What are we afraid of—Mexico or Japan?

Let all good citizens take the life of Washington tomorrow and go off into a quiet corner and commune with the father of the country on the subject of foreign relations and national assertiveness.

Gerard appears to be having a real good time in Paris, while the poor devils of American sailors from the Yarrowdale held as prisoners in Germany are taking pot luck in the clutch of the Kaiser.

It remained for a Nevada statesman to suggest that the rudiments of poker should be taught in the public schools as matter of self protection for the rising generation. This is in line with a discussion that is rife in New York papers over the various hands dealt in poker, wherein it is flatly asserted that no self-respecting citizen would sit tight with nothing better than two pairs. Better ask Billy Sunday.

T. L. ODDIE TALKS ON ROAD BUILDING

FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEVADA ENLIGHTENS THE PEOPLE OF SALT LAKE CITY

Former Governor Tasker L. Oddie of Nevada was the principal speaker at the Rotary club luncheon at the Hotel Utah, says the Salt Lake Tribune.

Governor Oddie made a comparison between the problems of Utah and Nevada in the matter of good roads, especially the transcontinental highway. He spoke of the need of good highways in both states and of their value to each other, and urged Utahans to do all in their power to make the roads the equal to any in the east.

According to Governor Oddie, Utah and Idaho are in the same situation as regards highways, as Nevada is in. He declared that it was easy for New York and Pennsylvania to build transcontinental highways across their respective because the expense was a comparatively easy burden upon the taxpayers. Nevertheless, he stated, Utah and Nevada are just as important links in this great proposition as are New York and Pennsylvania. Nevada needs money for her section of the highway, and looks to the east for help.

FRENCH SOCIALIST BEATS A LANDLORD

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Pierre Brizon, a Socialist member of the chamber of deputies, who was recently suspended for 15 sittings for using violent language, has just won a victory over his landlord, Guy de Teramond, a well-known novelist. The landlord, pleading scarcity of coal, had stopped the central heating plant of the house which the deputy occupied. The tenant demanded four francs a day compensation; the landlord offered half a franc.

Brizon determined to move, but it is contrary to French law for a tenant to remove his furniture until the landlord's bill is paid. Brizon gathered up fifty of his friends, took them to his flat at night and had the furniture in a van and away before the landlord was aware what was going on. The 50 Socialists, headed by an orchestra of frying pans and pails, marched off triumphantly behind the van to the deputy's new quarters.

FERBER IS NEW CAMP ON BORDER OF UTAH

NEVADA'S NEW PROMISING CAMP PREPARES TO BUILD A THRIVING CITY

Ferber, as a mining district of the Deep Creek country, has long been on the map. Ferber, as a town, with broad streets, a post-office, business houses, a school-house and one or more churches, will soon be distinctively on the map, if the plans of the Ferber Copper Company do not miscarry. Every present indication points to this outcome.

The Ferber Copper Company, of which J. C. Dick of Salt Lake is president, is the owner of the Ferber townsite, which has already been surveyed and platted.

W. H. Clark, an official of the Ferber Copper Company, which is

one of the steady and profitable shippers of the district, said yesterday that in his opinion the townsite was so favorably located that the rapid development of Ferber was only a matter of ability on the part of purchasers to carry out their plans.

Ferber is located 13 miles west of Gold Hill, the heart of the Deep Creek district. Gold Hill is in Utah, while Ferber is just over the Nevada line. The now active mining district of Ferguson is only 12 miles to the northeast, while the White Horse mining district, now attracting attention, is within 15 miles.

Another matter to be taken into consideration in forecasting the future of Ferber is that the Tonopah country, rich in agricultural and ranching resources, and even now well developed, lies within from 11 to 18 miles of the townsite.

While the ores in the Ferber district have not yet been developed at depth, it has a surface showing in lead, silver and copper ores that bids fair to make the camp one of the most noted in Nevada. Many years ago James Ferber, now dead, located a large number of claims in the district and built for himself a stone cabin, using the hard lead carbonate rock which he found on the surface. This cabin is still occupied by miners in the region, but will be razed and sent to the smelters in view of the present high price of metals.

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(By Associated Press.)

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